

Hi my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and this is the 8<sup>th</sup> principle minute. With the adoption of the 8<sup>th</sup> Principle, our congregation committed to dismantle racism, beginning within our walls.

There is an upcoming opportunity I would like to share with you today. Dr. Mtangulizi Sanyika will be speaking at the 8th Principle Learning Community meeting on Wednesday, December 8th at 7:00 pm.

Dr. Sanyika will be speaking about the UU Black Empowerment Movement and the UUA's failed response.

During the "Black empowerment" era of the UUA, he was selected as the first and founding Chair of the Black Unitarian-Universalist Caucus (BUUC), and served on its social change foundation, the Black Affairs Council (BAC). Dr. Sanyika (fka Hayward Henry Jr,) was the principal architect of the concept of "Black Humanism," and was a key leader who led the "Exodus" of 1500 Black members out of the denomination in the 70s to pursue and further develop Black Humanism and the Black Humanist Fellowship.

As we work to address institutional racism, it's critical that we understand the history of our denomination and that we examine it without bias ... or shame. Please join this important event. More information will be shared through email and on Facebook.

Together we will continue this journey toward spiritual wholeness, build a beloved community, educate ourselves and discuss what it means to develop a culture of being accountably anti-racist. We will continue to look at our own practices, identity, and stories with a new lens to dismantle the racism in ourselves and our institutions.